

Agenda Item: I.A.

DATE: April 17, 2003

SUBJECT: Status of P-16 Initiative

ACTION RECOMMENDED: Information

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: Staff will brief the Commission regarding the March 18 meeting of the Tennessee P-16 Council. At this meeting, Dr. Dennis Jones, from the National Center for Higher Education Management Systems, provided an overview of the public agenda for P-16 education in Tennessee.

The Council approved guidelines for establishing local P-16 sub-councils. These sub-councils will be comprised of local education, business and community leaders committed to increasing the success rates for all students, from pre-kindergarten to college.

Other agenda items focused on the teacher quality initiative, the implementation of the No Child Left Behind Act, and a discussion of pre-kindergarten issues and the lottery initiative.